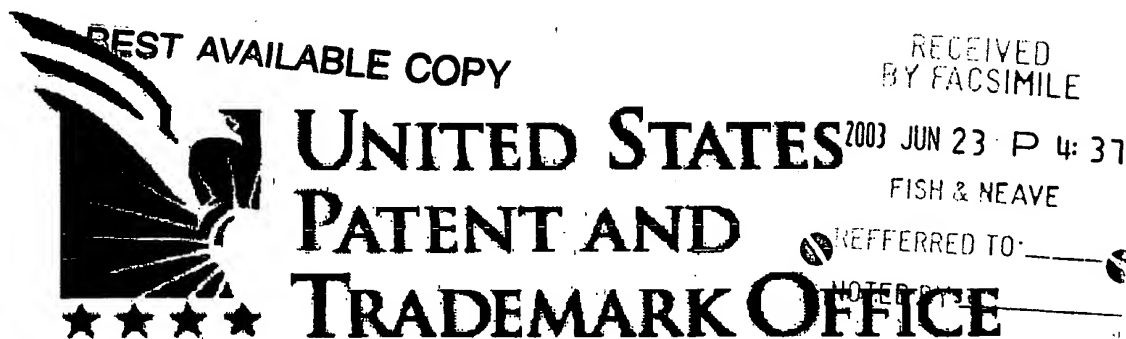


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Ms. Wong,

Please consider the following proposed amendment to claim 1. If the proposed amendment is  
5 acceptable, other changes will have to be made to the other claims in order to accommodate the  
language and scope of claim 1, but there is no point in talking about these other changes until  
agreement is reached with respect to claim 1. Please call me at your earliest convenience to  
discuss the amendment.

Thank you,

10 David Romeo

1. A device for inducing local bone or cartilage formation, comprising:  
a purified osteogenic protein, wherein said osteogenic protein comprises an amino acid  
sequence having at least 70% homology with the C-terminal seven cysteine domain of human  
15 OP-1 (amino acids 330-431 of SEQ ID NO: 2) and induces the repair of endochondral bone  
when implanted together with a matrix in a mammal;  
a matrix; and  
a binding agent, wherein said binding agent is carboxymethylcellulose having a degree of  
substitution of 0.65-0.90 and a viscosity of about 10-200 cP at a 4% (w/v) concentration of said  
20 binding agent.